

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1599 – HB 1553**

February 3, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Redefines “retired law enforcement officer” to include an employee of the Department of Correction (DOC) who retired in good standing for purposes of allowing the officer to carry a firearm in Tennessee.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – \$800/Tennessee Bureau of Investigation  
\$700/Peace Officer Standard Training Commission**

**Assumptions:**

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-8-116(c) allows for a retired law enforcement officer to become certified to carry a firearm if they meet the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certification requirements.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-8-116 also requires the TBI to conduct fingerprint criminal background checks. TBI charges \$32.65 for fingerprint background checks. The Federal Bureau of Investigation receives \$12.00, TBI retains \$12.00, and \$8.85 goes to a third party vendor.
- Statistics from the Department of Correction (DOC) show 219 correctional officers retired each year over the last five years.
- Thirty percent, or 66 ( $219 \times .30 = 65.7$ ), of DOC retirees will request to become certified under this section.
- The recurring increase in state revenue to the TBI is estimated to be \$792 (\$12 x 66 applicants).
- According to information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the POST commission charges \$10.00 to issue Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act certifications.
- The recurring increase in state revenue to the POST commission will be \$660 (\$10 x 66 applicants).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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